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**From:** Dresser, Sammie on behalf of Zapien, Ivan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:13 PM  
**To:** alexander.brockwehl@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**To:** 'connor\_hajdukovich@sullivan.senate.gov'  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:55 PM  
**To:** Caroline\_wadhams@ssci.senate.gov  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:15 PM  
**To:** Dresser, Sammie  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:49 PM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:12 PM  
**To:** erin.doty@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**To:** eduardo.lerma@mail.house.gov  
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**To:** emily.mercado@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:10 PM  
**To:** eliza.ramirez@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** 'gabriella.zach@mail.house.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:51 PM  
**To:** 'hannah\_hudson@collins.senate.gov'  
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**To:** 'jon\_abdnor@thune.senate.gov'  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:50 PM  
**To:** 'jonathan.lowe@mail.house.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** 'liz\_banicki@sullivan.senate.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:08 PM  
**To:** louise.bentsen@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**From:** Coleman, Norm B.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:04 PM  
**To:** 'lauren\_canfield@tillis.senate.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**From:** Murry, Luke <Luke.Murry@mail.house.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:58 PM  
**To:** Coleman, Norm B.  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

**[EXTERNAL]**

Thank you for your email. I am no longer with the Minority Leader's office. If you need to get in touch with Leader McCarthy's office, please email the Leader's Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Will Dunham ([will.dunham@mail.house.gov](mailto:will.dunham@mail.house.gov)).

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**From:** Dresser, Sammie on behalf of Zapien, Ivan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** leslie.zelenko@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:53 PM  
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**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:58 PM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** paulina\_glass@cortezmasto.senate.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:58 PM  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** travis.knight@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:02 PM  
**To:** 'twinkle.patel@mail.house.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**To:** 'will.dunham@mail.house.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**From:** Coleman, Norm B.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:59 PM  
**To:** 'wayne\_jones@portman.senate.gov'  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** wendell.white@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** Zach\_Lewis@warner.senate.gov  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 1:10 PM  
**To:** zoe.oreck@mail.house.gov  
**Subject:** U.S. Fifth Fleet Seizes Weapons Believed Destined for Houthis

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